

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of the present application is requested respectfully in view of the following remarks.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 7 are pending. No claims are being amended at this time.

SUMMARY OF OFFICE ACTION

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims 1 to 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,933,298.

No other rejections remain outstanding.

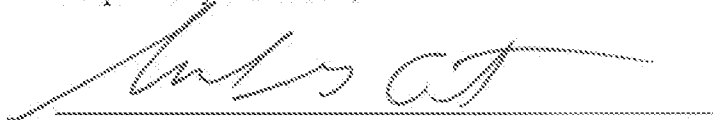
DISCUSSION

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims 1 to 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,933,298. The Examiner has indicated that this rejection can be overcome by the submission of an appropriate terminal disclaimer. A Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,933,298 is enclosed herewith.

For the above reasons, it is submitted that all of the claims in the present application are now in condition for allowance, and action to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment resulting from this Amendment to Deposit Account 18-1982.

Respectfully submitted,



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